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THE first volume of this work was started last year under circumstances extremely unfavorable. The sudden death of Mr. Watson, the publisher of the *American Advocate of Peace*, at that time the organ of our Society, imposed on us the necessity of issuing our own periodical; and we were obliged to commence it without funds, subscribers, or pledged contributors to its pages, amidst all the discouragements arising from the pecuniary troubles of the year.

The result, however, has disappointed our fears, and exceeded our highest hopes. Although we printed 2,000 copies, a large edition for such a work at its outset, they are all distributed, for the most part, among those who have paid for them; our present list of subscribers will oblige us to increase the number of copies; and we hope the growing demand for light on this subject will double, if not quadruple them before the close of the year. The work has not only sustained, in the estimation of good judges both at home and abroad, the high literary character of its predecessor, but become a more popular and effective 'advocate of peace' by the greater variety, point and brevity of its articles; and we hope to increase its attractions to *every class* of readers by the communications expected from the ablest friends of peace in the land, some of whom are preëminent in the republic of letters. We have not yet a full list of expected contributors; but we

design to give their names in due time as a pledge, if any be necessary, for the future character of the Advocate.

We said, at the commencement of this work, that we should dwell on *the moral character of war in the light of the gospel; on its various evils, physical, political and social, moral and spiritual; on the pretexts and occasions of war; on the causes which still support the custom; on the mistakes prevalent concerning our cause; on the possibility of abolishing war; on the means requisite for this purpose; on the safety of pacific principles.* Such topics we shall continue to discuss; but we propose to bring before our readers, in nearly every number of the present volume, the great subject of a CONGRESS OF NATIONS; a department of our labors in which all classes seem inclined to take special interest. We design to make the Advocate a work for the *people*, for the mass of intelligent readers through the community; and we trust we may safely calculate this year upon a large increase of their patronage and coöperation.

☞ *More subscribers are needed to sustain the Advocate.* It has been a heavy bill of expense to the Society; but this burden may very easily be relieved, if our friends now taking the work, will exert themselves to procure new subscribers; and *any person sending us two new subscribers with pay for one year, shall be entitled to a third copy.* Will not many of our friends undertake this slight service for the cause? May we not expect it especially from those ministers whom we have gratuitously supplied with our periodical for years?

☞ We earnestly hope that all those who have the past year taken the Advocate, will continue to do so; and we shall presume they will, unless they return this number without delay. It is little, very little for a real friend of peace to pay; but the sum total is indispensable in carrying forward our cause; and we entreat our friends to pause for serious reflection, for prayer to the God of peace, before they determine to withhold the pittance required for a periodical so cheap. This year we issue it once a month, and increase its size one third without raising the price at all; improvements which we deem very desirable, but cannot sustain without a far more liberal support.